GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DEATH OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest census records of important wild animals like lions/Asiatic lions, tigers, tigresses, bears, rhinos,elephants etc. and birds in the country, State/Sanctuary-wise;

(b) the extent of increase/decrease recorded in their population during each of the last five years;

(c) whether a large number of these animals and birds have been killed or died during the sat three years as well as current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, category-wise and National Zoological Park/Sanctuary/Reserve-wise;

(e) the outcome of inquiries conducted, if any, and the action taken by the Government in each of the incidents; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for their conservation and protection?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV):

(a) and (b) Estimated population of important species of wild animals for the last three consecutive census is given in Statement-I.

(c) and (d) State-wise reported cases of poaching in respect of tiger, leopard, lion, rhino, elephant and peafowi are at statement-II. Number of deaths of tigers, lions, bears, elephants, rhinos and birds in National Zoological Park, Delhi for the last three years is as follows: Apart from death due to disease associated with old age, major causes of death of these animals are: gastroenteritis, injury due to infighting, lung infection and tuberculosis.

(e) and (f) The responsibility of detection, investigations and prosecution of the offenders in poaching cases lies with the State Governments. However several steps have been taken bythe Government for conservation and protection of animals and birds. A detailed list is at Statement-III.